

the U.S. Army for her extraordinary dedication to duty and service to our Nation. Colonel Lynn distinguished herself through exceptionally meritorious service from August 13, 2012 to June 20, 2014, while serving as the Chief of the Army House Liaison Division.

During this period of extraordinary change, continued combat operations in Afghanistan, significant fiscal constraints and challenges facing the Army, Colonel Lynn fostered a strategic partnership with both the 112th and 113th Congress. She clearly understood the importance of Congressional oversight and did a truly outstanding job managing some of the most complex issues the Army faced during the last three legislative cycles.

A native of Glen Burnie, Maryland, Colonel Lynn began her career in the Army in 1986. She was commissioned as a Military Police Officer upon graduation from Hampton University.

Her assignments include Chief, Prisoner Services; Platoon Leader; Assistant Operations Officer; Company Commander; Budget Officer; Executive Officer; Deputy Division Provost Marshal, 1st Armored Division; Division Provost Marshal, 1st Infantry Division, Operation Iraqi Freedom; Battalion Commander, 10th and 91st Military Police Battalions, Fort Drum, New York; Commander, Task Force Vigilant, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan and Brigade Commander, 8th Military Police Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

She also served as Chief, Military Police Enlisted Branch, Human Resources Command and Executive Officer for the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G3/5/7, in the Pentagon.

Colonel Lynn has attended numerous Army and civilian schools and training programs. She earned a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University (ICAF), a Master of Business Administration degree from Bowie State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Hampton University.

Colonel Lynn is an Army Airborne Paratrooper whose military awards include, among others, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, multiple Kosovo Campaign Medals, multiple Afghanistan Campaign Medals, and Kuwait Liberation Medals. She received the Parachutist Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge and also earned the prestigious Military Police "Order of the Marechausee."

In light of her achievements, the Army has recognized her outstanding potential and has assigned her to serve as the Chief of the Ethics/Character Task Force at Headquarters, Department of the Army, Pentagon. Colonel Lynn's outstanding leadership, strategic vision, and keen judgment are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon her, the Office of the Army Legislative Liaison and the U.S. Army.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Colonel LaTonya Lynn as she proceeds to the next chapter in her remarkable career and continues to serve our great Nation.

HONORING SHERYL AND AARON FLEISHAKER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Sheryl and Aaron Fleishaker have long played a vital role in Beth El Synagogue of New Rochelle, New York.

From painting scenery for youth plays, to filling Mishloach Manot baskets for Purim, and helping to feed over 250 USYers at the last two Kinnusim hosted by Beth El, Sheryl has demonstrated her commitment to do whatever is necessary to support youth programs. She has served as the Youth Activities co-chair and PTA president for four years, and has been a member of the Board of Trustees.

Aaron has also demonstrated his commitment to Beth El throughout the years. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the last 15 years, and is finishing his third year as president. He previously served as vice president and executive vice president. Aaron serves on the Audit and Finance Committee, the Human Resources Committee, and the Fund Raising Committee.

Sheryl and Aaron are the honorees at the annual Beth El Synagogue Center Dinner Dance. They are truly deserving of this honor. I commend them for their years of service and for their commitment to Beth El and the greater Jewish community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sheryl and Aaron Fleishaker for their vital contributions to Beth El Synagogue.

HONORING SECRETARY JACK MARSH

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Secretary of the Army John O. "Jack" Marsh, Jr., of Winchester, for being awarded the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Public Service. I am proud to call Jack my good friend and pleased to join the Ford Foundation in honoring him for his long and distinguished service to our country.

After attending Washington and Lee University and practicing law in the Shenandoah Valley, Jack began his career in public service when he was elected as a Democrat to represent Virginia's 7th Congressional District in 1963. He later went on to serve as Assistant Secretary of Defense in 1973.

While serving in Congress, Jack met Congressman Gerald Ford, who was representing Michigan's 5th District as a Republican at the time. When Ford became Vice President to Richard Nixon, Jack was asked to serve as National Security Advisor and when Ford assumed the presidency in 1974, Jack became Counselor to the President—a cabinet-level post.

Later, under President Reagan, Jack was appointed Secretary of the Army, an office he held from 1981 until 1989. He is the longest serving Secretary of the Army in history.

The Medal for Distinguished Public Service is awarded annually to public servants who successfully demonstrate President Ford's leadership qualities over their career, and is reserved for a precious few. In receiving the Medal for Distinguished Public Service, Jack joins a special group of alumni, which includes prominent figures like Tip O'Neill, Henry Kissinger, John Paul Stevens and Brent Scowcroft.

I am pleased to submit the following article from the Winchester Star on Jack's achievements and thank my friend for his years of selfless service to our country.

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FORMER ARMY SECRETARY HONORED

(By Cynthia Cather Burton)

WINCHESTER.—Former Secretary of the Army John O. "Jack" Marsh Jr. of Winchester was awarded the 2014 Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service on Monday.

The presentation took place during the annual dinner of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Marsh, 87, joins a group of political, judicial and military luminaries who have received the award, which was established in 2003 by the foundation's board of trustees to recognize individuals "who reflect the qualities demonstrated by President Ford during his public service career," according to the foundation's website at geraldrfordfoundation.org. These include strength of character, integrity, trustworthiness, sound judgment, decisiveness (particularly during periods of crisis), determination in the face of adversity, diligence, self-confidence balanced with respect for the views of others, and self-discipline in personal life.

Past recipients are Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft, 2013; Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, 2012; William T. Coleman, 2011; Henry Kissinger, 2010; Justice John Paul Stevens, 2009; Carla A. Hill, 2008; James A. Baker and Lee H. Hamilton, 2007; and the U.S. armed forces branches, 2006.

Marsh, a Winchester native, served as secretary of the Army under President Ronald Reagan from 1981 to 1989. Previously, in 1973, he was appointed assistant secretary of defense. In 1974, he became national security adviser for then-Vice President Ford.

During Ford's presidency, Marsh was counselor to the president and held cabinet rank.

"I handled a lot of issues that he directed me to do," Marsh said from his Winchester office on Monday afternoon. "I did whatever he wanted me to. My duties related in large measure to the Congress."

Marsh said he first met Ford when both were serving in the U.S. House of Representatives—Marsh represented Virginia's 7th District from 1963 to 1971 as a Democrat and Ford Michigan's 5th District from 1949 to 1973 as a Republican. They were introduced by Donald Rumsfeld, who would go on to serve as secretary of defense under Ford from 1975 to 1977 and President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2006.

"We were on different sides of the aisle, but we came to know one another," Marsh said of Ford. "When he became vice president, he asked me to be on his staff."

Following the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon in the wake of the Watergate scandal, Ford became the nation's 38th president, serving from 1974 to 1977.

Marsh said the presidency did not change Ford. "He was the same person."

With Watergate, the OPEC oil embargo against the United States, high unemployment and an unpopular war in Vietnam, Ford